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COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND RECREATION

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May 22, 2017  
Start: 1:16 p.m.  
Recess: 1:25 p.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,  
16th Fl.

B E F O R E:  
MARK LEVINE  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
James G. Van Bramer  
Alan Maisel  
Andres Cohen  
Fernando Cabrera

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to our meeting of the City Council's Committee on Parks and Recreation. Those of you who have not been able to find seats, there are a few in the back. We are considering four items that we will be voting on today. First, is a pre-considered Intro which would permanently change the name of the 163<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Pedestrian Bridge in the Borough of Queens to Joel A. Mealy, Sr. Pedestrian Bridge. This is in the district of Council Member Eric Ulrich who we know has been working very, very hard on this issue. Second up is proposed Intro 1305-A which would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to post notices of the effective date of temporary parking restrictions relating to tree removals at least two days before the commencement of such restrictions with certain exceptions. We did a hearing on this not too long ago. The lead sponsor has been our colleague Rafael Salamanca from the Bronx and we are excited that this bill is now coming to a vote today. We will also be considering for a vote -- we will also be voting on Resolution #994, whose lead sponsor is our colleague on the Parks

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2 Committee, Council Member Andrew Cohen. This Reso  
3 calls upon the MTA and other appropriate entities to  
4 support a Hudson River Greenway between Spuyten  
5 Duyvil and Yonkers to provide riverfront access in a  
6 continuous stretch concurrent with the Metro North  
7 Line extending from Manhattan to West Chester. And  
8 finally, we will be voting today on an omnibus bill  
9 in relation to the naming of 53 thoroughfares and  
10 public places so I am glad that we are joined here  
11 today by our Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer and  
12 well as colleagues on the Parks Committee Council  
13 Member Alan Maisel, Council Member Fernando Cabrera  
14 and Council Member Andy Cohen. Are there any  
15 questions or comments from my colleagues on any of  
16 the items we will be voting on? Yes? Please.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I just want to say  
18 one second that I am grateful to the park staff for  
19 getting this Reso to this point. Because I have such  
20 a good relationship with the Chair and my colleague  
21 Ydanis Rodriguez, we could connect our districts by  
22 this Hudson River Greenway which I think would really  
23 give much needed access to recreation and waterfront  
24 for the constituents in my district so with that I am  
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1  
2 going to ask my colleagues to support my Resolution.  
3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: All right. If there  
5 are no further -- no further comments and questions,  
6 I am going to ask Committee Clerk, Billy Martin, to  
7 please call the roll.

8 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,  
9 roll call vote Committee on Parks, all items are  
10 coupled. Chair Levine?

11 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Vote I on all.

12 CLERK: Cabrera?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

14 CLERK: Van Bramer?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

16 CLERK: Cohen?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Aye.

18 CLERK: Maisel?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

20 CLERK: By a vote of 5 in the  
21 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
22 all items have been adopted by the Committee.

23 CHAIRPERSON LEVINE: Thank you. I will  
24 ask the clerk to keep the roll open till 1:30 when  
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this room needs to be used for another committee.

Thank you.

CLERK: Continuation roll call, Committee on Parks and Recreation. Council Member Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye on all and --

CLERK: Final vote on all items on today's Committee of Parks and Recreation are now adopted by a vote of 6 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions, all items have been adopted by the Committee.

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: -- and Parks and Recreation is now adjourned.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date June 21, 2017